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## 2010 Wahunsenakah Lodge Holiday Banquet



December 4, 2010  
Hosted by Kiskiak Chapter  
Chestnut Memorial United  
Methodist Church



# Lodge Chiefs



January 1996 – May 1996: John Belmonte & Tim Johnson (Co-Chiefs)

May 1996 – May 1997: Tim Johnson

May 1997 – May 1998: Ryan Johnson

May 1998 – May 2000: Matt Singletary

May 2000 – May 2002: Alex Petry

May 2002 – May 2003: Jason Jackson

May 2003 – May 2004: Mike Stearn

May 2004 – May 2006: Matt Stearn

May 2006 – May 2007: C.J. Holmes

May 2007 – May 2008: Bobby Writtenberry

May 2008 – May 2009: Sean Edwards

May 2009 – May 2010: Ben S.

May 2010 – Present: Daniel B.



# Banquet Program



Welcome.....Kiskiack Chapter Chief Joey Trask

Flag Ceremony .....Troop 11 Color Guard &

Kiskiack Chapter Chief Joey Trask

Invocation.....Chestnut Memorial United Methodist

Pastor Bob Gochenour

Dinner

Wahunsenakah Lodge Dance Team

Wahunsenakah 2010 Year in Review in Video .....Joey Trask

Recognize all Past Lodge Chiefs & Advisors .....Lodge Chief

Daniel Bonnizzio

Lodge Awards:

Special Recognitions.....Lodge Chief Daniel Bonnizzio

Lightkeepers Award.....Lodge Chief Daniel Bonnizzio

Silver Duck Award.....Service Chair Ian Homewood & Thomas Guss

Founder's Award.....Vice Chief Tim Pryor

Introduction of the Keynote Speaker.....Amanda Wroten

Keynote Presentation.....State Senator John Miller

Class of 2010 Vigil Honor Candidates.....Past Chief Ben Scarborough

& Vice Chief Tim Pryor

Lodge Adviser Minute.....George Homewood

Closing Song

I do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout, that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, WIMACHTENDIENK, WINGOLAUCHSIK, WITAHemui. I will always regard the ties of Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting, and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

# Chief of the Fire



Dear Brothers:

What a fantastic 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year we have had for Scouting! I would like to take a moment and thank all of the Lodge members for their continued dedication and service to the Scouting program. From Bayport Scout Reservation to Council functions to District and Unit functions the Lodge has been well represented and has completed multitudes of hours and projects to move Scouting forward – Great Cheerful Service!

Now as we conclude this historic year, let's give thanks to our individual Supreme Being and remember all who have come before us and what pathways they opened for us. But let's also challenge ourselves as we begin the second 100<sup>th</sup> years to help our fellow Scouts to become the best that they can be and encourage others to join the Scouting program and enjoy the adventure!

I look forward to seeing you along the Scouting Trail in 2011!

Dick Collins  
Chief of the Fire  
Scout Executive



# Senator John Miller



For forty years John Miller has been involved in our community. An award winning journalist, he spent 18 years at WVEC-TV reporting on the issues facing Hampton Roads. For six years he worked on the problems of Virginia and the nation in the United States Senate as a top aide to Senator Paul Trible. John was a key administrator at WHRO, public broadcasting in Hampton Roads and at Christopher Newport University. He is currently the Director of Development and Marketing at the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Peninsula. In 2007, John was elected to the Virginia State Senate from the 1st District. His election is widely credited as the race that gave control of the Senate to the Democrats.

John serves on four very important Senate Committees: Education and Health, Transportation, General Laws and Technology and Rehabilitation and Social Services. In addition, John has been appointed to several key commissions. He chairs the Virginia Council on the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and is vice chair of the State Water Commission. John also serves on the panel studying the future of Ft. Monroe, the commission studying the future of the ports and the group examining the Hampton Roads Transportation Network. He serves on the Joint Commission on Technology and Science and was named to the National Conference of State Legislators Transportation Committee. These assignments give John a strong voice in many of the major issues facing the Commonwealth.

John and wife Sharron are both very active in our community. John and Sharron live in Newport News. They have a daughter, Jenny and a son-in-law Mark; a son, John, a daughter-in-law Mary Peyton and a grandson, Isaac.



# Pastor Bob Gochenour



On behalf of Chestnut Memorial United Methodist Church, I want to say a big THANK YOU! Our Food Pantry is a ministry of compassion, providing food to the surrounding community. Your canned food drive makes us partners in this ministry of compassion. We appreciate your willingness to go beyond self and share with those who are less fortunate.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Bob Gochenour  
Senior Pastor



# Acknowledgements



The Banquet Committee would like to thank the following folks for all their hard work in helping with the banquet:

Chestnut Memorial United Methodist Church and their Missions Team for Cooking and Serving our Banquet.

Tim Ewing, Banquet Advisor  
Amanda Wroten, Program  
Loren Zehr, Kiskiack Chapter Advisor  
Joey Trask, Kiskiack Chapter Chief/ Banquet Chairman

## Banquet Committee Members:

Mike Allen  
Paul Corriere  
Merv Wagner  
Susan Booth  
Dick Barnes  
Merv Wagner

Thank you to those who provided items for the 100 Years of Scouting displays in the hallway.





# Vigil Honor



Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the **Vigil Honor**. It calls for an individual with an unusual awareness of the possibilities within each situation. The **Vigil Honor** is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors.

The **Vigil Honor** is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to their Lodge, the Order, the Scouting community and their Scout camp. Under **NO** circumstances is tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow alone considered as reason enough for selection.

The Lodge may nominate up to two percent of their registered Arrowmen once a year; at least half of the group selected must be under 21 at the time of their selection.

The 2010 **Vigil Honor** recipients are:

Chandler Easter  
Thomas Guss  
Ian Homewood  
Nate Johnson  
Aaron Stewart  
Mark Fry  
Gene Parsons  
James Sargent  
Merv Wagner

# Lodge Awards



The Lodge annually presents three awards of significance to Brothers of Wahunsenakah.

The first award, the **Lightkeeper Award**, was first established in 2009 and annually recognizes up to 5 Arrowmen, both youth and adults, who provide extraordinary service during the scheduled Beaver Days at Bayport Scout Reservation. As a general rule, recipients must render operational service to camp on at least 75% of the scheduled Beaver Days while maintaining the cheerful spirit of service while toiling.

The second award is the **Silver Duck Award** which may annually be presented to up to 2 youth members of the Lodge who have gone the extra mile in personal achievement during the year of the award in a manner that has had or is expected to have a lasting impact on the Lodge.

The third award, the **Founder's Award** was created by the National Order of the Arrow Committee to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for Arrowmen who demonstrate that they memorialize in their everyday lives the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson. Annually, the award may be presented to up to 2 Arrowmen in the Lodge, at least one of whom must be a youth member.

Previous Award winners are listed on the back of this page.



# Lodge Awards



## Lightkeeper Award

2009 – Randall Carden, Ian Homewood, Lee Martin, Ethan Sargent & Matt Singletary

## Silver Duck Award

1999 – Matt Singletary & Micah Reynolds  
2000 – Justin Basham & Andy Bailey  
2001 – Mike Stearn & Nate Brown  
2002 – Dave Edmonson  
2003 – Jason Jackson  
2004 – Matt Stearn & Brian Stroup  
2005 – C. J. Holmes  
2006 – Patrick McClave  
2007 – Rush Lifsey  
2008 – Sean Edwards  
2009 – Thomas Guss & Ian Homewood

## Founders' Award

1996 – Tim Johnson & Joel Meitz  
1997 – Mike Keough & Denny Barnhart  
1998 – Andy Bailey & Al Updike  
1999 – Matt Singletary & Roger Druin  
2000 – Dave Edmonson & Brit Culpepper  
2001 – Alex Petry & Chet Luck  
2002 – Mike Stearn Jr. & Mike Fry  
2003 – Brian Stroup & Tommy Gehring  
2004 – Jonathan Helmer & James M. "Mac" Mullins  
2005 – Matt Stearn & Mike Stearn, Sr.  
2006 – Chris Bergtholdt & Mike Allen  
2007 – CJ Holmes & Larry Johnson  
2008 – Rush Lifsey & Bobby Writtenberry  
2009 – Tim Pryor & Dan Williamson

# Kecoughtan Lodge History



**Kecoughtan Lodge** began in June of 1951, when a group of six Peninsula Scouts and one Scoutmaster were inducted into the Order under the direction of Blue Heron Lodge 349. The lodge name was taken from the Indian village on the Peninsula that welcomed the first permanent settlers. The first lodge patch was a small red and green arrowhead with the lodge's totem, an acorn.

The Lodge's early years focused upon service to the Council's Camp Okee. In the early 1960's when the council outgrew that camp Kecoughtan Arrowmen contributed many uncounted hours helping erect buildings, create campsites, and construct the man-made lake at the new Camp Chickahominy.

In 1972 Kecoughtan Lodge hosted their first Area III-C Pow Wow, and in 1976 the Lodge was honored to have Dr. E. Urner Goodman, founder of the Order of the Arrow, as a special guest for it's 25th Anniversary celebration at Camp Chickahominy. Kecoughtan hosted Section conclaves in 1978 and 1987, and several brothers from the Acorn Lodge served as Chief of the Area/Section during its forty-five years of service.



# Chanco Lodge History



**Chanco Lodge** was chartered in 1952, with the first ordeal conducted by Blue Heron Lodge 349 at Camp Waters on June 13-15. Fifteen brothers were inducted as charter members of the Lodge.

Several names were considered for the new Lodge. An early favorite was Powhatan, because the Powhatan Indians had once inhabited the area along the James River where the council camp was located. However, Powhatan had already been chosen for the name of the OA lodge serving Blue Ridge Council in Roanoke, VA.

Early lodge members settled on Chanco, the name of the young Indian brave who saved the Jamestown colony from annihilation during the massacre of 1622. The members selected two totems to represent their Lodge, an Indian head and a deer.

The Lodge was active in supporting Camp Waters, and even more instrumental in the early development and ongoing maintenance of its replacement, Siouan Scout Reservation, acquired in the early 1960's. For their efforts they were awarded the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award in 1971, an honor bestowed to only the top 12 lodges in the nation.

As the lake areas around Siouan developed the council made the difficult decision to sell the property. Scouts and Scouters alike were saddened at the loss of their camp where so many memories were made and so much of the Lodge's traditions and heritage were based.

Chanco Arrowmen were active participants in Area, Section, and national OA events, hosting the 1970 Area III-C Pow Wow, the 1974 SE-1 Conclave, and the 1985 and 1992 SE-8 Conclaves. In addition, 3 Chanco Arrowmen served as Chief at the Area or Section level.

# Wahunsenakah Lodge History



In 1992 Old Dominion Area Council and Peninsula Council joined to form Colonial Virginia Council. In March, 1995 the Lodge officers of Chanco Lodge 483, and Kecoughtan Lodge 463 began a series of meetings that would result in formation of a new, unified Lodge.

Although neither group was eager to give up the heritage and traditions of their Lodge, they were mindful of their higher purpose and pledge of cheerful leadership, and together forged the strong bonds that laid the foundation for the new Lodge.

An example of the cooperation between the Arrowmen from each Lodge is how the new Lodge was named. A Chanco brother offered the name "Powhatan" since it was representative of the geography of both Lodges and was no longer in use by Lodge 456, which had merged in 1973. A Kecoughtan brother suggested "Wahunsenakah," Powhatan's actual given name, be used instead. Everyone readily agreed.

On January 1, 1996 **Wahunsenakah Lodge 333** was founded, led equally by the former Chiefs of Chanco and Kecoughtan Lodge until the first officer elections were held a few months later. The name was chosen to honor the great chief of the Powhatan Confederacy whose home was located near the York River. A duck was chosen as the totem of the lodge. Due to the large number of native and migratory ducks found in the area, it was decided that a particular species would not be chosen. As a result, emblems of Wahunsenakah Lodge have included many colorful varieties of the waterfowl.

**The Wahunsenakah Lodge History continues on the next page...**

**Lodge History written by:**

**Glenn Chase, member of Kecoughtan Lodge 463 (1972-1975)**

**Ben Vincent, author of The Chanco Chronicles**

**Alex Wiatt, author of A Story of 40 Years of Brotherhood,  
Kecoughtan Lodge 463**

# Wahunsenakah Lodge History, Continued



In early 2003 Wahunsenakah brothers worked hundreds of hours to prepare Camp Chickahominy to host the SR-7A conclave. Late in the year Hurricane Isabel and its aftermath wrought devastation throughout the camp, downing hundreds of trees. Wahunsenakah brothers devoted many weekends of cheerful service to get the site restored in time for summer camp.

A year later they sadly said goodbye to Chickahominy as nearby residential development prompted its sale and a Council search for a replacement camp.

An ideal location was found in Middlesex County on the Rappahannock River. In 2006 Wahunsenakah Lodge held their Summer Fellowship at the new Bayport Scout Reservation but the location was far from being ready for regular campers. For nearly two years the Lodge provided cheerful service during weekend workdays to prepare the site for summer camp. In October 2007 Wahunsenakah inducted their first Ordeal members at Bayport. In 2009 the Lodge successfully hosted the Section SR-7A Conclave at their new camp.

As Wahunsenakah prepares to celebrate 15 years of cheerful service to Colonial Virginia Council and southeast Virginia its members and leaders can be confident that even greater achievements lie ahead. With leadership forged from the heritage and traditions of two great lodges, Wahunsenakah has grown to embrace new challenges and prove they are "of all their fellows, greatest."



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